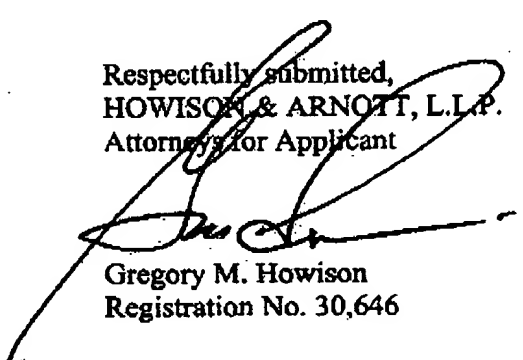


**REMARKS**

Subject to the receipt of a Notice of Allowance, this application was carefully reviewed prior to payment of the issue fee. Claims 18, 19, 20, and 31 have been canceled. Claims 1, 21 and 30 have been amended. The errors noted during this review have been corrected by this Amendment Under Rule 312. It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments do not affect the merits of the application and are proper subject matter for an Amendment Under Rule 312.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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